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Main Entry: **<sup>2</sup>terminal**

Function: *noun*

Date: 1831

**1** : a part that forms the end : **EXTREMITY**,  
**TERMINATION**

**2** : a terminating usually ornamental detail : **FINIAL**

**3** : a device attached to the end of a wire or cable or  
to an electrical apparatus for convenience in making  
connections

**4 a** : either end of a carrier line having facilities for  
the handling of freight and passengers **b** : a freight  
or passenger station that is central to a considerable  
area or serves as a junction at any point with other  
lines **c** : a town or city at the end of a carrier line :  
**TERMINUS**

**5** : a combination of a keyboard and output device  
(as a video display unit) by which data can be  
entered into or output from a computer or electronic  
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